

# **UPDATE: MCPS Reexamines Boundary Study to Explore the Reassignment of Students from Somerset Elementary School to Westbrook Elementary School**

**- Two New Options Proposed;  
Second Survey Round Launched, Deadline March 14 -**

Last winter, we informed the community that Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) had [determined](#) that Somerset Elementary School is over capacity and the school system had begun a boundary study process in an effort to relieve the capacity pressure by reassigning students to Westbrook Elementary, located west of River Road and south of Little Falls Parkway. Last November, the Board of Education [authorized](#) expanding the study to include Bethesda Elementary School, which is also operating over capacity.

Early last month, MCPS staff presented information regarding the current capacity concerns at Somerset and Bethesda Elementary Schools along with five options for the reassignment of students to relieve the capacity pressure by transferring some of the school's feeder zones to Westbrook. The presentation can be viewed here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWaScgl5S\\_Y&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWaScgl5S_Y&feature=youtu.be). Any reassignments would begin after improvements are completed at Westbrook Elementary, which is slated to be completed in September 2023.

Five reassignment options were initially presented. **Option 1** would **reassign a portion of Chevy Chase Village to Westbrook Elementary**. This includes homes west of Cedar Parkway between Oliver Street (to the north) and Western Avenue (to the south). Only homes located west of Cedar Parkway along West Lenox, Grafton, and Hesketh Streets would remain assigned to Somerset Elementary School under Option 1.

The remaining proposed options 2-5 would not impact the current assignment of students within the Village; households currently assigned to Somerset Elementary School would maintain their current school assignment.

**UPDATE:** A second presentation, including results from the initial survey and four additional reassignment options were provided in late February. The presentation can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/bMiB1Z1f8v8>

Of the four new options presented, **Option 6** would **reassign ALL Village households located west of Cedar Parkway to Westbrook Elementary School**. Under this option, no Village households would be assigned to Somerset Elementary School.

[All nine options](#) are under consideration (the five original options along with the four new options) and will be studied. A recommendation will be presented to the Superintendent this summer. The Superintendent will release his/her recommendation in October followed by a review, Public Hearing and a final decision to be made by the Board of Education in November 2021.

Residents—regardless of whether you currently have a student in MCPS—are encouraged to respond to the survey at <https://mcpsweb.wufoo.com/forms/w1kzdg6d0os5wxn/>. The **deadline** for survey responses is **Sunday, March 14 at 11:59 p.m.**

Anyone interested in this matter is encouraged to visit the boundary study page at: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/BethesdaSomersetWestbrookBoundaryStudy.aspx> for more information.